

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Helmus Art Unit: 3773
Serial No.: 10/075,970 Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano
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Title: BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES
WITH CONTROLLED CHANGE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES LEADING TO
BIOMECHANICAL COMPATIBILITY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2010 and the Advisory Action mailed December 28, 2010, having a date for response of January 22, 2011. This Response is timely filed.

This Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The fee for an RCE under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$810) may be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1047. Any other fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.